



An Abel Screening Child Protection Test

**The Nation's #1 Screen
To Prohibit Child Sexual Abuse**

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The Diana Screen® is an easy-to-use, child sexual abuse risk reduction screening test.

Youth-serving organizations, agencies and corporations can use The Diana Screen® to help select safer candidates for ordination, staff and volunteer positions with children.



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About The Diana Screen®

The Diana Screen® is a scientifically-validated screening test that identifies people who should not be placed in positions of trust with children and teenagers. They may step over a sexual boundary line with children or they may present a sexual risk.

- Used as one component of an organization's overall application/interview/screening process
- Quickly and inexpensively asks the sexual risk questions that staff do not have the experience to ask
- Confidentiality: Test takers are identified only by a test number; no names are attached to the screen's results
- Staff Time: 5 minutes
- Test Time: 30 minutes to answer 120 questions at a computer
- Reading Level: 4th grade
- Languages: English (Spanish and French Canadian coming soon)
- Results cross-validated 200 times
- Pass/Fail results immediate
- Over 100,000 people have answered The Diana Screen® questions
- For more intensive sexual risk testing, The Diana Comprehensive™ is also available



The Diana Screen® Results

The Diana Screen® classifies applicants into two categories of risk to the hiring organization:

Low Risk – Pass Result. Because most people are not a sexual risk to children, most people are classified as low-risk and **pass** The Diana Screen®. Their answers indicate a good understanding of appropriate adult/child sexual boundaries.

High Risk – Fail Result. A small number of applicants are classified as high risk and **fail** The Diana Screen®. Their answers indicate an extremely poor understanding of appropriate adult/child sexual boundaries or a higher probability of having sexually abused a child in the past.

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Youth-serving organizations, agencies and corporations that use **The Diana Screen®** demonstrate their commitment to trying to achieve the goal set by **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** in its publication, *Preventing Child Sexual Abuse Within Youth-serving Organizations*:

“To select the best possible people for staff and volunteer positions and to screen out individuals who have sexually abused youth or are at risk to abuse.”



The Diana Screen® vs. Criminal Background Checks

Criminal background checks are not nearly as effective as The Diana Screen® when it comes to protecting children and teens from the risk of sexual abuse by adults. Criminal background checks can only identify people with criminal convictions for child sexual abuse. However, most acts of child sexual abuse are never reported to the authorities, let alone result in a criminal conviction that could later be detected by a criminal background check.

In a survey of 13,000 people about the child sexual abuse within their families, only 6% indicated that the abuse was reported to the police.¹ Moreover, in a study of 3,700,000 criminal background checks reported by ChoicePoint, only 0.1% of the entire screened pool was identified as having a criminal history related to sexual offenses.² Most organizations rely on criminal background checks as their strongest safety measure toward keeping children safe, however the reality is that criminal background checks provide very little protection from child sexual abuse.

In contrast, The Diana Screen® does not rely on public records or criminal histories. The Diana Screen® methodology provides more effective results.

The Diana Screen® does not compete with criminal background checks. Rather, it is intended to complement an organization's current Abuse Risk Management plan. Thus, it is recommended that organizations that begin use of The Diana Screen® continue use of criminal background checks.

¹ Child Molestation Research & Prevention Institute, February 2009, preliminary data

² ChoicePoint on data from 3,700,000 background checks, *The Importance of Background Screening for Nonprofits: An Updated Briefing*, April, 2008.



The Diana Screen® and Sexual Misconduct Risk Management

Insurance is designed to pay for losses which may occur that are too expensive for an organization to cover out of its own reserves. The impact from one misconduct loss could surpass the amount that an insurer is willing to cover. Misconduct losses are expensive. The direct financial claim filed by a victim's lawyer could be in the millions. The operating expenses in handling a misconduct claim add to the overall financial loss. The good name of an organization may be tarnished, impacting future programs and revenues. In addition, depending on the size and number of claims made by a location, it may lose - as some local organizations have - all misconduct coverage.

As a risk management instrument, The Diana Screen® accomplishes the following:

1. It identifies the men and women who are the most likely to commit a misconduct loss. This means that the likelihood of a loss occurring is directly reduced commensurate with the number of high-risk people an organization excludes during its screening process.
2. In many cases, one individual is responsible for abuse-based losses on multiple children. Each high-risk person who is removed, not only reduces the likelihood of one loss occurring, but reduces the likelihood of multiple losses occurring.
3. The use of The Diana Screen® acts as a deterrent. When applicants are aware that an organization is utilizing this additional child protection test, some will choose not to apply.
4. Overall, most people pass The Diana Screen®. They form a safer pool of prospective hires and volunteers.

Misconduct losses are based on the actions of a few people. The Diana Screen® helps to identify the men and women who are a sexual risk to children. Currently, there is no other effective way of identifying high risk men and women.



Scientific Support for The Diana Screen®

The Diana Screen® has three risk measures.

These measures are supported by 18 years of research and two long-term pilot studies with The Episcopal Church Pension Fund and The Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

These measures assess both a test taker's understanding of appropriate adult/child sexual boundaries and the probability that a test taker has had sexual contact with a child or teenager.

The first two Diana Screen® measures are confidential to protect the integrity of the screen.

The Diana Screen's® third measure, through an advance in technology, analyzes answer patterns. Using a complex methodology, The Diana Screen® matches male and female test takers' answer patterns to those of verified child sexual abusers who were lying while answering The Diana Screen® questions. These answer patterns of lying child sexual abusers are significantly different from most people in the general population. Test takers whose answer patterns match verified child sexual abusers have a high probability of having already sexually abused a child.

These Diana Screen® measures are supported by many peer-reviewed scientific articles.

***To arrange an in-depth discussion of the science behind The Diana Screen®
Contact Abel Screening at (404) 874-4772.***



About Diana

Diana, a beautiful and talented girl, spent her first seven years in foster care and group homes.

Starting at age five, or perhaps even earlier, she was severely sexually abused by the male caretaker who stayed overnight with the children in the group home. When she was seven, she was adopted by a very loving family and under their care she thrived and became an accomplished gymnast. She was artistic, resourceful and popular. In high school, she made many of her own clothes and wrote an advice column for the student paper.

Diana didn't talk about the sexual abuse she suffered until she became a teenager. Her mother contacted the foster care psychiatrist to report the abuse. This physician expressed her doubt about Diana's story and stated, "That is impossible, I have known this man for years. You know, children lie." A short while later, the man who abused Diana phoned the family and confirmed that Diana spoke the truth about the abuse. He wanted to talk to Diana; he wanted to apologize. Diana's mother said "no" and changed the phone number.

Diana's parents did everything they could to help her heal from her past. But no amount of love or therapy could bring back the self-esteem the person who abused her stole from her.

Even with her strong will to overcome her childhood trauma, Diana and her family suffered a final tragedy when she ended her own life.

The person who abused Diana, in addition to being the man who supervised the children overnight in the foster care group home, was a family man and a father. Had this man been screened, Diana and countless other children from that group home might have been saved from ever knowing the horror of sexual abuse.

In honor of Diana, and those who have survived their child sexual abuse, the screen designed to protect children is named The Diana Screen®.



About Abel Screening, Inc. – The Company Behind The Diana Screen®

Abel Screening, Inc. (ASI) is a psychological testing company founded in 1994. The company has produced a series of psychological tests to prevent child sexual abuse that have been utilized by medical, psychological and criminal justice professionals at over 800 locations in the U.S. The tests include the four Abel Assessment *for sexual interest–2™* (AASI-2) tests and The Abel-Blasingame Assessment System *for individuals with intellectual disabilities™* (ABID).

The Diana Screen® is the culmination of 18 years of research headed by Abel Screening, Inc.'s founder and internationally renowned scientist, Gene G. Abel, M.D. The National Institute of Mental Health has awarded Dr. Abel funding for six long-term studies to investigate the sexual abuse of women and children and to design new ways to stop it. Dr. Abel has received several awards for his significant achievements in sex research, including the Masters and Johnson Award presented by the Society for Sex Therapy and Research. He is a member of the International Academy of Sex Research.

A past President of the National Society for Behavioral Medicine, Dr. Abel is a Distinguished, Lifetime Fellow of the American Psychiatry Association and a diplomat of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. A full professor, he has served on the faculty of several medical schools including Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Emory University Medical School and Morehouse Medical School. He has published over 130 articles in scientific journals. With Nora Harlow, he is the co-author of The Stop Child Molestation Book: What Ordinary People Can Do in Their Everyday Lives to Save Three Million Children.



Research Studies conducted with:

The Episcopal Church Pension Fund

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